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\$5.00 difference seems very small for the difference in nurses. I would like to hear from some other graduates on the subject through the JOURNAL. I have had the JOURNAL four years and keep going over the numbers constantly, for they are so helpful.

Trusting I may see my questions as soon as possible, I remain, very gratefully yours,
(MRS.) J. E. PRIOR, R.N., Princeton, Ill.

[SECTION 6, from the Illinois Law, reads as follows: "SECOND, nurses who, at the time of application, shall have been engaged in the actual practice of nursing for three (3) years, provided they pass an examination in practical nursing and provided they make application prior to July 1, 1910." This excludes all practical nurses who have not taken an examination, and excludes even those who might be examined if they have not made application for an examination before the date mentioned.—Ed.]

APPRECIATION OF "HYGIENE AND MORALITY"

DEAR EDITOR: I received "Hygiene and Morality," by Lavinia L. Dock, last week and have just finished reading the same. It is a *grand* piece of work and there ought to be a copy in every family. I only regret that I cannot afford to buy a number of copies, as I should like to give one to each of my friends who are school teachers, but I shall at least give one. If every nurse who reads the JOURNAL would give one copy to some woman who is a *thinking* woman, a great deal of good would sure be accomplished. It is women like Lavinia L. Dock we have to look to, to release us from our shackles, and if we cannot do the work she is doing, we can at least help by "spreading the Gospel."
M. J.

A NEW YEAR'S WORD TO NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: I know there are many in the field of nursing who are awake to its possibilities, its opportunities, and deeper meaning; many, also, who only half realize, and very, very many who almost sleep. There are few vocations so peculiarly adapted to the development of one's higher powers. How very close it brings us to humanity, suffering from diseases of mind, soul or body. With it comes the overpowering consciousness of our own limitations when we long so for even a little of the Christ power. Be not discouraged, however, herein lies opportunity; to do the immediate task with the mustered strength of mind and heart, and to speak the shortest word with infinite kindness. In such service will the character grow strong and more perfect. Then will your presence be an inspiration to the sick and a comfort to the dying. I have seen the lovely light in the faces of those who labored among the sick ones. Still keep on with your beautiful work.
R. N.